changes in agrarian laws but to implement existing laws more effectively.

Supply of some additional items through PDS.

500. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bring some more items of daily use under Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the names of those items and by when a final decision would be taken in this regard;

(c) the number of fair price shops in the country at present, state-wise;

(d) whether Government are satisfied with the functioning of these fair price shops and if not, the steps being taken to improve their functioning; and

(e) whether the Himachal Pradesh Government have asked for any financial and other help from the Central Government to further improve the functioning of these shops and if so, whether any help has been given to that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The Central Govt. has advised States and UTs from time to time to consider inclusion of more items of mass consumption like pulses, tea, soap, salt, matches etc. for distribution by using the PDS outlets.

(c) A statement indicating the State-wise break up of fair price shops in the country as on 31.3.1990 is annexed. (*See* below)

(d) Implementation of the PDS is primarily the responsibility of the State/UTs. They have been advised from time to time to take necessary measures to ensure proper functioning of the fair price shops. By and large the system is functioning satisfactorily.

(e) Financial assistance has been provided to H.P. Govt. under the scheme for purchase of vans (for mobile outlets). A total assistance of Rs. 45 lakhs has been given during the period 1987-88 to 1989-90. There is no scheme for providing funds to States/UTs for direct assistance of fair price shops.

Statement

State-wise number of Fair Price Shops in the country on 31.3.1990

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of Fair Price Shops
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh*	35487
2.	Arunachal Pradesh*	547
3.	Assam**	24175
4.	Bihar@	39627
5.	Gujarat	12153
6.	Goa	553
7.	Haryana	6508
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3178
9.	Jammu & Kashmir**	2578
10.	Karnataka	16696
11.	Kerala	12979
12.	Madhya Pradesh	23005
13.	Maharashtra	34281
14.	Manipur**	1652
15.	Meghalaya	3110
16.	Mizoram**	762
17.	Nagaland	318
18.	Orissa	21164
19.	Punjab	10769
20.	Rajasthan%	14199
21.	Sikkim	1221
22.	Tamil Nadu	21134
23.	Tripura*	1140
24.	Uttar Pradesh	47843
25.	West Bengal	19933
26.	A. & N. Islands	274
27.	Chandigarh	306
28.	D&N Haveli*	57
29.	Delhi	3553

1	2	3
31.	Daman & Diu	30
32.	Lakshadweep**	30
33.	Pondicherry	349
	Total:	359620

* relates to Dec. 1989
** relates to Sept. 1989
@ relates to March, 1988
% relates to March, 1989

Families benefited under IRDP in Himachal Pradesh

501. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families covered under the Integrated Rural Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh during the year 1989;

(b) the number of families likely to be covered by the end of 1990; and

(c) the details of the other specific action, if any, being contemplated to relieve the remaining families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) As against the target of 7,558 families for financial year 1989-90, achievement during 1989 (Calender year), was 25,011 families.

(c) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is an on-going programme and remaining families would be covered in coming years depending upon the Budget allocation.

Changes in National Housing Policy

502. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any changes are proposed to be made in the Government's National Housing Policy to channelise black money of the people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHIR MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The draft National - Housing - Policy contains proposal for promoting schemes for undeclared income and hidden wealth to be used for one or more socially oriented purposes such as slum clearance and building of houses for the lower and middle income groups. The scheme has not been finalised so far.

Introduction of Super-Fast Trains from Puri to Madras and Patna

503. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce two super-fast trains from Puri to Madras and from Puri to Patna;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

504. [*Transfered to 22nd August,* 1990]

Rapid Mass Transport System for Trans-Yamuna Area

505. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is heavy road traffic congestion and jams on the East-West traffic roads in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have any scheme for rapid mass transport system connecting Vivek Vihar in the East and Vikaspuri in the West, under consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the USSR had offered to build a mass transit uhderground railroad system on turn key basis for Delhi; and

(f) if so, the reasons for which this offer has not yet been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Due to increase in population as also the number of vehicles